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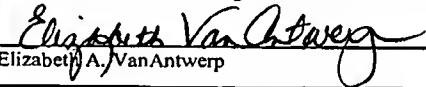
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Also enclosed is a copy of an International Search Report bearing a mailing date of May 10, 2005 from a corresponding international patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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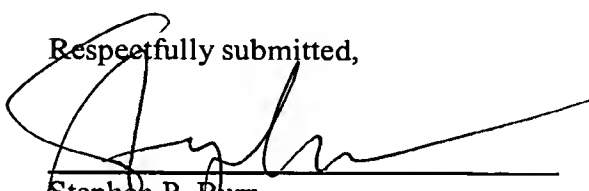
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1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 61-200991 A1 (Ref. AD) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,740,517 (Ref. AA); and
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 63-057588 A1 (Ref. AE) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,861,792 (Ref. AB).

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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